



## Famous Orchestra to Play for Queen's Ball

### Baseball Stars To Choose Queen

Big Event Staged For January 6

The big party presenting about 20 major league baseball players, coming here to officially open the 1940 season of winter sports, will take place here Saturday evening, January 6th. At that time a winter queen will be selected for Grayling.

This promises to be a brilliant affair and the local winter sports committee isn't neglecting a single thing that will help to make this event a much-talked-of affair for many years to come.

"Birdie" Tebbets has been busy in Detroit for the past several weeks, getting in touch with a number of baseball stars and everyone seems to be looking forward to coming to Grayling for this event. About 20 well known diamond stars are expected to be in attendance. Also a number of newspaper editors will be present.

One of the functions of the guests will be to make impartial selection of a young lady to serve as winter queen and hostess for Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., for the season.

In the evening there will be a grand queen's ball in the school gym, where the public will be welcome and will have an opportunity of getting acquainted with the distinguished guests.

To make this an outstanding event, one of the most famous orchestras in the country has been engaged to furnish the music for the ball. The following article will tell you all about them. This is going to be one of the finest balls ever given in Grayling. Plan to attend.

Leroy Smith and His Orchestra

The oft expressed belief that "there is nothing new under the sun" has been refuted by Leroy Smith, famous colored orchestra leader and violinist, who has

ing achievements was his Victor recording in dance arrangement form of "Rhapsody in Blue," one of the brilliant works of the late world-famous composer, George Gershwin. Smith was also one of the first to introduce it to the dancing public and played it until it was recalled in dance form and prepared for concert use by Paul Whiteman, who adopted it as his official radio theme. It has been said that Whiteman, early in his career, studied Smith's musical methods, and with variations of his own, applied them to his own organization.

Leroy Smith is a veteran of the air waves, having been featured with his orchestra on many of the country's top ranking radio programs. He has toured the entire Keith and RKO theatre circuits, headlining on most occasions. He has been featured in theatres and clubs with such stars as Sophie Tucker, Harry Richman, Benny Davis and numerous others.

His most notable engagements were in New York City, and included two and one-half years at the world-famous Reisenweber's Paradise Roof, six years at Connie's Inn, in New York's Harlem, the opening engagement at the French Casino and long runs at the Park Central Hotel and other famous New York spots. On practically all of his New York engagements and elsewhere, he established engagement records, that even to this day, have not been shattered. His other engagements include Club Ciro, in London, where he appeared with Harry Richman, two years at the LaMarine Hotel and Atlantic Casino, in Atlantic City, the Walton Hotel, in Philadelphia, and more recently the Mayfair Casino, in Cleveland, where he remained for seventeen consecutive weeks.

Leroy and his orchestra were co-starred in such famous New York colored revues as "Rhapsody in Black" with Ethel Waters, which ran for two consecutive years (1932-33) and Connie's Hot Chocolates in 1936.

### Locals Take Game From Kalkaska 23-13

In a fast game, the Grayling High school basketball team defeated Kalkaska here Thursday by a 23-13 score. The local second team lost a close ball game to the Kalkaska "B" squad, 14-10.

In the varsity game, the Grayling Northern Lights were in great form and by good passing and shooting piled up a 16-4 lead at the half. Kalkaska gained the upper hand in the last half and outscored the locals 9-7.

Deckrow played his usual steady game and led the scores. Kraus and McDonnell were outstanding at the back boards. Thompson, Wylie, and Welch played fine floor games. For Kalkaska, Armstrong, Spencer, and McLain stood out.

Practice will be resumed on

January 2nd in preparation for the Gaylord game January 5th, and the Boyne City game January 9th. The games will be played here.

### CHILDREN OF COUNTY HAD NICE CHRISTMAS

All Crawford county children had a merry Christmas. Two hundred assorted toys, dolls, sleds, etc., were collected and repaired, painted and otherwise renovated by the Grayling Boy Scout troop, led by Mr. Herbert Rowland.

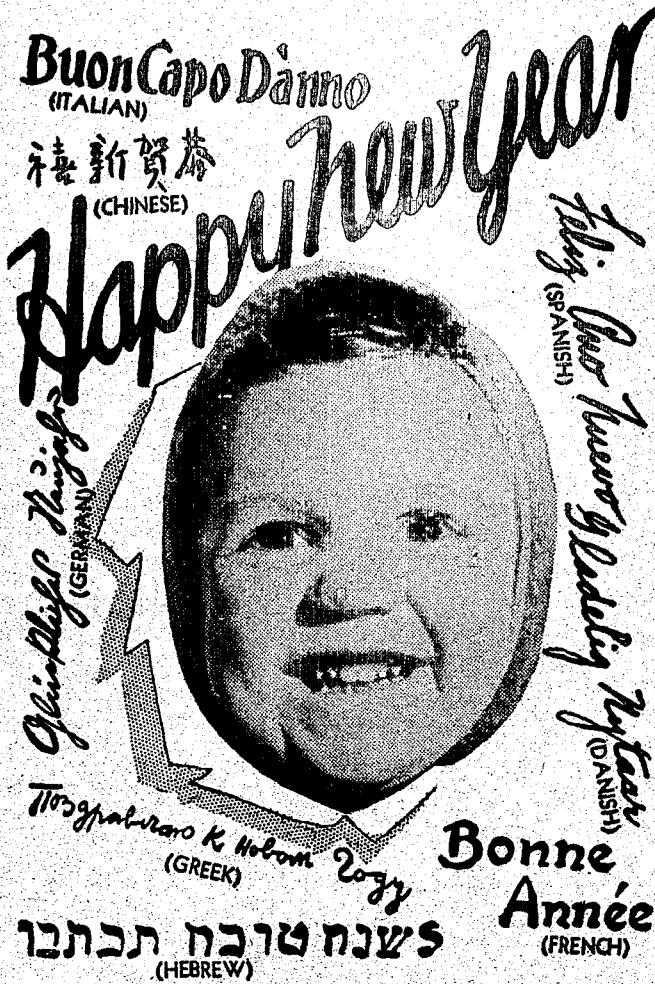
The Junior Ladies Aid of Michelson Memorial church sponsored this project, furnishing the necessary funds and also dressed the dolls and assisted in the distribution of the toys. Mrs. Ernest Borchers is president of this group.

This project was carried on with the supervision of the Works Projects Administration Recreation leaders, and was organized and generally supervised by Arthur G. Clough, Area Recreation supervisor.

The Grayling High school shop was made available as a toy work shop by Mr. Gerald Poor, Superintendent of school.

The cooperation of all worked towards a successful project and proved to be very much worth while from the standpoint of material accomplishments.

One of Leroy Smith's outstand-



### Learn To Skate Learn To Ski

#### Learn to Skate

We have contacted a skating instructor who will give skating lessons in figure and free style skating. Join the figure skating club and take advantage of the following prices:

6 lessons for \$3.50  
(From 11 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. on Sundays).

General skating held from 1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Non-members of club \$1.00 per ½ hour, from 3:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Join now. Kindly register for the club with C. B. Johnson at Johnson Furniture store.

#### Learn to Ski

Skiing rates:  
School children, lessons from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday mornings. 25 cents each per lesson.

Adults, 50¢ per hour in groups of 6 or more.  
1:00 per hour per individual lesson. Any day of week.

Skiing instructor: Alfred E. Ortmann, only American born ski jumping champion.

#### SOFTBALL SCHEDULE BEING DRAWN UP

The schedule for the seven-man softball season is being drawn up and the first game will be on January 9th, 1940. At present four teams are entered, namely Kiwanis Club, A & P Store, Firemen and the Recreation Club. Any other entries will be welcome.

Tuesday, Jan. 2, will be final practice night. All teams entered will be invited to attend this practice, after which a "ground rules" discussion will be held.

This program is sponsored by the Michigan Works Projects Administration in cooperation with local organizations.

#### IKE WALTONS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Rube Babbitt Chapter of the Izaak Walton League will hold their annual meeting at the Courthouse January 4th, at 8:00 p. m.

This meeting is particularly important in that officers to head the organization will be elected at that time.

A project to create feeding and breeding grounds for water fowl in this area will be discussed, as well as a means of further increasing the fish population. If you have any ideas on these or other kindred projects of mutual interest, please attend. This applies whether you are a member or not.

#### MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Next Sunday Services  
10:00 a. m.—Bible School.  
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship.  
Last day of the year, last chance to attend. Come.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

### List of Donors To Finnish Relief Fund

Following are the names of those who have already contributed to the Finnish Relief Fund:

Dr. C. G. Clippert \$2.00  
Shoppenagons Inn 2.00  
Anton Kangas 2.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lauri 5.00  
Mrs. Mary Hein 1.00  
Christ Johnson 1.00  
Carl Tahvonen 1.00  
Emil Tahvonen .50  
Einer Tahvonen 2.00  
O. P. Schumann 2.00  
Jonas Wirtanen 2.00  
Wm. Raee 1.00

The Avalanche will continue to accept contributions for this fund until further notice.

#### WELL KNOWN FREDERIC COUPLE MARRIED

Miss Mearl Patterson and Clare D. Melroy of Frederic have announced their marriage that occurred in Tiffin, Ohio on December 12th. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the English Lutheran church in Tiffin, Rev. Wayne O. Kamper officiating. Attending the couple were the bridegroom's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Melroy, who reside in that city.

The bride has always lived in Frederic and Mr. Melroy, who had made his home in Lovells for several years has operated a gas station on US 27 there for the past four years. Mrs. Melroy is treasurer of Frederic township which office she has held for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Melroy after spending a week in Tiffin and Detroit returned to Frederic, where they are occupying the new home they had awaiting them. They are being besieged with congratulations and best wishes of their hosts of friends, who include just about everyone in Frederic.

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### Shoppenagons Inn Opening New Cocktail Lounge

PROMISES TO OUT CLASS ANY SIMILAR PLACE IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

The new "Blue Room," Shoppenagons Inn's new cocktail lounge, will open tonight for business. The official opening, however, will be held Saturday night, December 30th.

This promises to be the finest and most beautiful of any similar places in Northern Michigan. It will be a place of beautiful appointments, comfortable and elaborate.

There is a street entrance and also one that connects from the hotel lobby directly into it. The walls are decorated in three tones of blue, with chrome strips separating the colors.

The room is furnished with leather upholstered booths, the colors of the booths being blue and yellow. The tables are of black Micarta tops with chrome trim. The chairs are of chrome, upholstered in blue and yellow leather.

The lighting is done with 36 feet of fluorescent pink lights. At the back end of the room is a small dance space.

The rest rooms are nicely arranged and afford every comfort being modernly equipped.

Mrs. Cassidy, owner of the hostelry, is to be congratulated for her courage and enterprise. We wish her abundant returns for her efforts.

### 1200 Children Enjoy Community Tree

It was a happy throng of children that invaded Grayling and the Rialto theatre Friday afternoon for the community Christmas tree. It was a beautiful sunshiny afternoon, so that there was an unusually large crowd emerging from this with all of their ears will charge upon Grayling with their customary determination, and without a doubt will account for their usual number of opponents, and go on to Bay City with battle flags flying. The Veterans of Foreign Wars up in Gaylord have assured us that they will have a team on hand, and those who witnessed the Championship Belt tourney here in November know that Gaylord has some boys who really have ability and "innards."

This is the biggest event in Grayling at Christmas and is looked forward to each year by children from all corners of Crawford and Roscommon counties. Many little children are made happy through the kind generosity of Grayling's business men, who contribute to the fund each year.

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Three Civilian Conservation Corps camps will enter here, and three at West Branch, with the camps in the Boyne City area entering there. This means, of course, that when everything is boiled down, Grayling will be the final battlefield for the entire area, and will be able to show the fans some exciting evenings.

The Izaak Walton League has never been accused of giving the fans less than their money's worth at these medicine shows, and it looks as though this year would be outstanding in interest.

Genial Jack Wade, who in private life operates a neat tourist camp at Lake Margrethe, and who is a general favorite hereabouts will head the Golden Gloves committee, and this is sufficient assurance that all details will be attended to with despatch and fairness to all. He has named the following men to share his headaches as members of the Executive Committee:

Ernest Hoels, Stanley Flöwer, R. A. Wright, and Jack Redhead. Sub-committee will be made up of the following Ikes: Axel Peterson, Farnham Matson, Carl Bliss, Bert Norris, Otto Peterson, Ernie Borchers, Eugene Papendick, and Lawrence Hunter.

#### REXALL CONTEST WINNERS

Following are the names of the prize winners in the annual contest held at Max & Gidley's Rexall Drug store during Christmas.

Boys—

1. Ronnie Larson—Electric train.  
2. Bobby Brady—Erector set.  
3. James Weite—Kaster set.  
4. Devere Matthews—Mechanical train.

5. Jerry Barber—Boxing gloves.

6. Bobby Bishaw—Basketball set.

7. James Hatfield—Prize puzzle.

8. Eddie Cody—Roller skates.

Girls—

1. Marilyn Giltner—Large doll.

2. Marlene Sorenson—Doll.

3. Sara L. Smith—Charlie McCarthy.

4. Sally McLean—Doll.

5. Nancy Hilton—Dydee doll.

6. Emily Giegling—Xylophone.

7. Sandra Sweeney—Tea set.

8. Jaunita Morency—Electric stove.

#### BRIDGE DINNER HOSTS

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore were hosts at a beautiful Christmas dinner at the home of the Clippers' Wednesday evening.

The bright Christmas reds together with the brilliantly lighted Christmas tree made very festive decorations.

Bridge followed the dinner with Mrs. Emil Giegling and Mr. Carl Johnson holding the high scores.

Mrs. Kenneth Dobbyn of Detroit was an out-of-town guest.

Republie of Liberia Motto

The Republic of Liberia, founded at the beginning of last century by Negro freedmen from the United States, has on its seal the motto:

"Love of Liberty Brought Us Here."

### Pugilists Declare War Farnham Matson New Kiwanis Pres.

CHAS. E. MOORE, RETIRING PRESIDENT, CLOSED SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling closed a very successful and interesting year at its meeting Wednesday noon. President Charles E. Moore, at that time turned over the gavel of authority to newly elected president Farnham Matson.

Emil Giegling of Grayling, lieutenant governor of the 8th district, of which Grayling club is a part, duly installed the new officers and directors, outlining to each the duties that come to him under his authority

## CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

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## "PETOSKEY IS NOT SMART"

Al Weber, publisher of the Cheboygan Observer, in a recent issue of that newspaper said the following:

Petoskey is not smart when it seeks to belittle Grayling's publicity on behalf of its winter sports program, and points to the claim that Grayling presents with a lot of gusto its claim for winter sports greatness, but that Grayling has neither the facilities or natural terrain which Petoskey boasts. We admit Petoskey possesses a lot of advantages any winter sports community would be proud to boast of, but Grayling is geographically setting pretty. It has facilities far beyond any other place in the middle west, or outside of Lake Placid, and it has some terrain that Petoskey doesn't know about. This winter sports show is a big thing. Big enough for all of us in our own way and we should help each other instead of attempting to make uncomplimentary comparisons.

## Is Petoskey Getting Petty?

When we hear of stories that obviously emanate from Petoskey in which the facilities of Grayling Winter Sports park are belittled, we wonder if some of the citizens of that city aren't getting to be petty about the matter.

Grayling people started winter sports on a scale that has extended beyond our own confines. We were the first. Then other places found that there was a demand for winter sport and they followed suit with Grayling. Petoskey was among them. Fine skating rinks were developed. Toboggan slides were constructed. More and more people every year looked forward to that kind of winter activity. Many places made their winter carnivals glamorous affairs. It was great fun but a lot of work and usually was accompanied by financial losses. In this Grayling shared until our merchants and others wondered if it was worth it. But Grayling persisted and kept on.

Petoskey probably had the finest skating rink in the state. That was in former years. Now Grayling has a winter ice rink that will not be equalled in Michigan in the near future, if ever. Petoskey has no moral reason for trying to belittle Grayling winter park. Michigan is a big state and there is room for everyone in all lines of endeavor. There will be winter sports in Petoskey and other cities just as long as

the citizens of those communities care to promote them.

Of course Grayling has stepped ahead so far that it is outstanding and is generally known as the Capital City of winter sports. That was made possible by the aid afforded by the state and federal governments. How many communities in Michigan can afford to spend a half million dollars for winter sports. It was Grayling's ideal location geographically and its general land surface and the attitude of our people toward winter sports that brot about its selection.

It is only silly for Petoskey people to try to belittle Grayling in winter sports. We are sure there are a lot of people there who are not in harmony with the few who take that attitude.

## UP IN THE STICKS

(By R. E. Prescott, in Alcona County Herald)

To the folks who have read clever things I have said, gems of wisdom this column adorning, who impatiently wait for the mail at the gate, till the mailman arrives Friday morning, just to see what the heck irrepressible PECK has to say, in unWebster-like diction, of our public affairs or our worries and cares or on facts that are stranger than fiction; or his quips with a grin or his photoshot at sin (and, like Coolidge, he's always ag'in it); or his jabs at the hides of political snides who are statesmen for what there is in it; or his caustic comment on the money that's spent buying votes under various guises; or opinions and views on events in the news in an era that's full of surprises.

To those other folks, too—readers old, readers new, and to those who read but on occasion; and to those who enthuse o'er his comment and views, and to those of much different persuasion, whose opinions contrast and whose words in the past have been heated enough to raise blisters: (but the Good Book says, still, to spread peace and good will, so at Christmas we're brothers and sisters)—

Be it near, be it far, or wher'ever you are, from Vancouver to Panama's Isthmus; if you like me or not, and whatever your lot, let me wish one and all Merry Christmas.

By R. E. Prescott.

## 3 TONS FISHING LICENSES NOW READY

The Michigan fisherman may get an idea of how numerous his fellow anglers are by realizing that the collective weight of the more than million 1940 licenses, packed for 2,200 dealers, exceeds three tons. Each license is a small printed card.

The 1940 one dollar resident licenses are necessary for any kind of fishing after January 1, and good for all kinds. Forty cents from each license sold will go toward purchase of lake and stream frontage to insure continued public access to fishing grounds and for lake and stream improvement and research.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade spent Christmas in Toledo with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Devere Benware of Vanderbilt spent the week end visiting their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Harwood, and Mr. and Mrs. T. SanCartier spent Christmas day in Midland.

Bob Tiffin is spending his vacation visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Tiffin in West Branch.

Miss Florence Butler spent the Christmas week end visiting her father, William Butler, in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Strohauer of Alger were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson and children spent Sunday and Monday visiting relatives in Saginaw.

Mrs. George Burrows and daughter Leona of Flint spent the week end visiting relatives here.

Leo Skinner is home from Big Bay visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Skinner, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sweeney and daughter Sandra spent the Christmas week end with relatives in Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin of Toledo spent the week end visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

Capt. and Mrs. Reynolds of Lake Margrethe spent the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson of Saginaw spent Christmas day at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Marie Hanson.

Miss Virginia and Kermit Charon of C.S.T.C., Mt. Pleasant, are spending their vacation at the home of their parents.

Harold Edwards arrived home Saturday from Big Bay, where he is employed and is spending the holidays with his family.

Miss Anna Nielsen of Grand Rapids spent Christmas visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Nielsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter McCall of Detroit were the guests of Mrs. McCall's mother, Mrs. Frank Barnett, over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Endricks and daughter, Milene of Detroit spent the Christmas holidays visiting Mrs. Endrick's mother, Mrs. Victor Sorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Marlatt and daughter, Nancilee of Detroit, were the guests of Mrs. Marlatt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Strope, over Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Stockholm enjoyed a visit from their son Dick of Detroit, and their daughter, Miss Kirsten, of Des Moines, Iowa, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eshern Hanson Jr., of St. Louis, Mich., spent Wednesday and Thursday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eshern Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Braidwood have been entertaining the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Braidwood of Almont, Mich., since before Christmas.

Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and daughter, Elna Mae and Charles Moshier spent Christmas day visiting Mrs. Sorenson's sister, Mrs. R. M. Jameson, in Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Glenn and children and Flora Glenn of Portsmouth, Ohio are spending this week visiting the ladies' sisters, Mrs. Taylor Loper and Miss Shirley Glenn.

Bob Hanson was home from Detroit and spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Zauel of Saginaw were also Christmas guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stephan and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hunter and son Rex returned Tuesday from the Soo, where they were holidays guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley LaGrow and daughters of Detroit, are holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows. They are also visiting his mother, Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

William Heric, who is employed for the Kerry & Hanson Co. at Big Bay, arrived home Saturday to spend Christmas with his family and is remaining in Grayling for the week. Other guests at the Heric home Christmas day were Mrs. Heric's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Nielsen of East Tawas and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hesselwood of New Era, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson and sons Wilfred and Robert, of Saginaw, were yuletide guests of Mrs. Peter Robertson and family.

Mrs. Kate Loskos returned home Wednesday after spending Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Ekkens and family in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanselman of Milan, Mich., and Mrs. Lipman Landsberg of Inkster visited over the holidays with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Mon-tour.

The choir of St. Michael's church, Roscommon, rendered the music at high mass at St. Mary's church Christmas morning and it was very lovely. At a second mass a group of young ladies sang Christmas carols; and Rev. Fr. James Moloney had a fine message for his congregation at each service.

## Christmas Cantata Well Received

In a beautiful Christmas setting the annual cantata under the able direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert, was given at Michelson Memorial church Sunday afternoon. Beautiful Christmas greens were enhanced by dozens of lighted tapers. Ernest Borchers superintended the decorations and they were very lovely.

The cantata was well received by a large attendance of music lovers. Of the some 700 people who participated, Messrs Harold Jarmian and Don Gothro, Miss Helene Babbitt, Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mrs. Stanley Stealy had solo parts. Mrs. T. P. Peterson presided at the organ, Mrs. C. G. Clippert at the piano and Mr. Noah of Gaylord, who is a very able musician, accompanied as violinist. Don Young also accompanied some of the numbers on his saxophone.

To Mrs. C. G. Clippert goes the bulk of the credit for the very beautiful and inspiring program.

## REXALL CONTEST BOYS AND GIRLS EXTEND THANKS

I won the first prize in the Mac & Gidley Rexall store contest and am very pleased and want to thank all my friends for giving me their votes. And many thanks to Mr. McNamara too.

Marilyn Gildner.

I wish to thank those who so kindly put in their votes for me in the Rexall Drug Store contest, helping me to win the seventh prize.

Jimmy Hatfield.

I wish to thank all who voted for me in the Rexall contest.

Bobby Brady.

I am very happy over winning first prize in the Mac & Gidley Rexall Drug Store contest and wish to thank my friends for voting for me, and Mr. McNamara for making the contest possible.

Ronald Larson.

## Lignin From Corn Cobs Softens Hard City Water

AMES, IOWA.—In their search for some practical use for lignin, one of the country's principal waste products, federal chemists have discovered that recovered lignin is more effective in treating hard water containing iron than commercial compounds now in use.

At the agricultural by-products laboratory in Ames, chemists of the department of agriculture treated hard city water, hard well water, and water containing added iron with lignin prepared from corn cobs and found this material to be effective as an iron-removal agent.

Supplies of lignin are inexpensive because they are almost limitless. Roughly, one-fourth of all wood products, including trees, is lignin. As a waste product of wood pulp mills, where its disposal pollutes streams, it amounts to about 1,500,000 dry-weight-tons each year. At least 6,000,000 tons a year is available from corn stalks and an equal quantity from wheat straw. Other extensive supplies are cottonseed hulls and sugarcane bagasse—the fiber remaining after the juice has been squeezed from it.

The discovery promises the first extensive use for lignin in its original form, because few cities have water sufficiently pure that it does not require treatment for removing iron, which imparts an unsightly appearance and undesirable taste.

## Caspian Rescue Ship

A large ice breaker stationed in the Caspian sea serves as a life-saving vessel for fishermen.

All calls answered quickly, any hour of the day or night.

Dependable, Reliable Service

## Alfred Sorenson

Funeral Home

Ambulance Service.

Lady Attendant.

Phones

Day 2481 Night 3671

## First Gas Mask Made

By Londoner in 1854

It has just been discovered by the Bulletin of the Imperial Institute that the first practical gas mask was invented by a Dr. Stenhouse in 1854, and its manufacture placed in the hands of the instrument makers of St. Bartholomew's hospital, London. It was intended for physicians and nurses as a protection against air communicable diseases. On a back shelf of the hospital museum, what is believed to be the only specimen in existence was found.

In a thin copper sheet, padded with velvet and shaped to cover the nose and mouth, were inset two fine wire gauzes, one-eighth inch to one-quarter inch apart, with charcoal between. The respirator was held in position by a stout elastic band passing round the back of the head, and was designed "to absorb and destroy any miasma or infectious particles present in the air in the case of fever and cholera epidemics, and of districts infected withague, yellow fever and similar diseases."

Dr. Stenhouse also suggested that "persons living in pestiferous areas might make their houses as airtight as possible," and admit air only through charcoal filters.

"It is a pity," the Bulletin comments, "that so much valuable work should have been overlooked in the period of emergency which arose some 60-odd years later, during the early part of the World war."

## Old Letters Sometimes

## Carry Valuable Stamps

One frequently hears stories of rare stamp finds in old accumulations of mail. Usually the stories are not very well authenticated. There must be some interesting items still hidden away, but most old desks and trunks of letters have been pretty well ransacked by juvenile collectors.

Still, if you are so fortunate as to have an attic in the family, it would be interesting to have a look at the old letters. It might possibly pay. Should you find a five-cent brown stamp of the year 1861 with the head of Jefferson on it, which someone forgot to use, you will never again scold Aunt Emma for saving old papers. The stamp is catalogued at \$2.50.

A one-cent indigo of the same vintage (head of Franklin) is worth \$3.50, while an unused 12-cent black (head of Washington) calls for \$7.00. But they must be the first issue of this series, which was on very thin paper. Later ones are on thick paper and are low in value.

Maybe there is a New Haven, Conn., stamped envelope of 1845, a five-cent blue stamp on a buff envelope—one of those tiresome letters of advice Great-Great-Aunt Hetty used to write to her nephews. Her advice was valuable: that stamped envelope is worth \$10,000!

Commentator.

## Family Tradition Survives

In the days when the Venetians held the secret of fine glass making and kept it under penalty of death, the skill of the glass blowers was passed from father to son for generations. The death penalty was repealed a thousand years ago and the glass blowers gave way to modern machinery early in the present century. But the skill of the plate glass polishers continues as a family tradition in the big glass plants of Toledo, Ohio. For example, on the 1,700-foot polishing line in the Libbey-Owens-Ford plant here there are seven father-and-son combinations. Technical developments have given them a 350-ton machine, electrically controlled, with which to grind off a paper-thin layer of glass to give the plate its crystal polish. Nevertheless, the perfected product, depends largely on their skill in grading and handling more than 30 different sands and polishing materials, some of it so fine that it could almost be used to brush your teeth!

At the agricultural by-products laboratory in Ames, chemists of the department of agriculture treated hard city water, hard well water, and water containing added iron with lignin prepared from corn cobs and found this material to be effective as an iron-removal agent.

Supplies of lignin are inexpensive because they are almost limitless. Roughly, one-fourth of all wood products, including trees, is lignin. As a waste product of wood pulp mills, where its disposal pollutes streams, it amounts to about 1,500,000 dry-weight-tons each year. At least 6,000,000 tons a year is available from corn stalks and an equal quantity from wheat straw. Other extensive supplies are cottonseed hulls and sugarcane bagasse—the fiber remaining after the juice has been squeezed from it.

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INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 28, 1916

The bugle sounded and from the east came a response; it sounded again and this time the answer came from the north and once more, at the bugle call, came the reply from the west. Thus was the formal opening of the program for the Community Christmas tree. It was about 7:30 o'clock Saturday night when Mayor Hans Petersen mounted an elevated step before the Community Christmas tree and welcomed the people present. The electric lights were flashed on and the thirty-foot pine tree was made brilliant with many red, white and green lights. There were probably nearly a thousand people present.

Thursday, December 21, at about 3:30 o'clock occurred the sad death of Mrs. Charles F. Underhill, of Lovells, at Mercy Hospital in this city. For nearly two years past the lady had been ill. During the time of her stay at the hospital, her husband, Dr. Underhill was constantly at her bedside, and right up to the last moment was hopeful of her recovery. Mrs. Underhill was but 32 years old and a woman dearly loved by all who knew her.

For a number of years Dr. and Mrs. Underhill catered to trout fishermen and for the past five years conducted the Underhill Club, located about two miles north of Lovells on the North Branch of the AuSable river. She leaves to mourn her death besides her husband, a son Newell. The remains were taken to her girlhood home, Rochester, N. Y., for burial.

Miss Dorothy Pond, who is attending school in Lansing, is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Shoemaker and daughter Dorothy are spending the week here with Mrs. Shoemaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Woodford.

The Michigan Central is erecting a new office building at the round house to take the place of the small building that has long since been outgrown.

John Larson spent Christmas with his wife, who is at the University hospital in Ann Arbor.

Miss Jerrine Lankry of Bay City arrived yesterday to spend several days visiting former friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann are enjoying a visit from the latter's sister Mrs. Florence Doty of Grand Rapids.

Miss Helen Bauman entertained with a shower in honor of Mrs. John Pettit who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salling.

Thursday night the M. E. church held their Christmas tree and the building was packed with people. A very nice program of Christmas carols, dialogues, etc., was carried out.

A military company has been organized in the high school with W. H. Case, captain; Roy Case, 1st lieutenant. There will be drill practice at the school gymnasium for the high school boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eagles of Flint, are spending a few days among their friends in Grayling. Mr. Eagles, when here, was em-

ployed in the M. C. roundhouse.

Mr. Sager, sales manager of the Simon Sales Company of Saginaw, was in Grayling Thursday and signed contracts with L. J. Kraus and Claude Gilson of this city for the 1917 agency for the Overland cars. The local dealers this year will do business under the firm name of Kraus & Gilson. It is the intention of the firm to build a garage and do auto repairing as well as carry a line of autos in stock.

Lorne J. Douglas of Saginaw visited his wife here Christmas.

Miss Elvira Rasmussen entertained a few friends very nicely at her home last evening.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lauridson on Sunday, December 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck spent Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harry Wright, at the Military reservation.

Miss Cornelia Melstrup is entertaining a number of young ladies this afternoon at a miscellaneous shower to honor Mrs. John W. Pettit, formerly Miss Elsa Salling.

Miss Laura Simpson is home from Laurium, Mich., for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Keyport enjoyed a visit from the former's parents over Christmas.

Will Wingard is spending the holiday vacation at the farm home of his uncle, Chas. Corwin, near Roscommon.

Mr. David Montour and two young daughters left Wednesday to visit her parents at Stanhope during the school vacation.

Armed Quiet, Sea War Bitter

Fighting on the front between Germany and France continues to be desultory, being restricted to patrol actions.

Both armies remain in readiness for action but neither side seems inclined to begin anything like a big land offensive.

The strategy behind these tactics for the Allied nations is that set up by the Reds when the Russian invasion began.

Russian strategy is aimed at dividing Finland by cutting the northern and southern sections in half.

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Children must have rest periods where quiet prevails, and great regularity in habits of eating and sleeping should be acquired.

Cod liver oil, orange or tomato juice and vegetable broths are essential parts of the diet after weaning.

If the diet is not adequate, if the child does not gain weight, or if he develops some condition you do not understand, take him to a doctor.

Accidents cause a great many deaths and much disability.

Constant watching and thoughtfulness is necessary to prevent them.

Young children should not be taken to the movies.

If a child has brain storms, temper tantrums, or vomits when displeased, it is still not too late to prevent the one result—a spoiled child.

This child should be under a physician's supervision until the condition is corrected.

Tea, coffee, cold beverages and beer are poison to young children.

A child requires more pure water than it often receives.

When anyone in the family has a cold or sore throat he should be isolated from children.

If a child's teeth decay quickly, look into his food habits and his hours in the open air, rather than purchase a new tooth brush.

It is never too early to begin teaching children good health habits.

They should come before manners, and the first principle is learning to avoid dirt.

The drinking cup, the common towel, putting the fingers into the mouth, tasting things found while playing—all these are capable of transmitting disease.

A child must learn to amuse himself and develop early the ability to get along with others of his own age.

Parents should remember that there is no single remedy or "cure all" which will prevent poor mental hygiene.

### Eldorado Nuggets

(23 Years Ago)

"Where's Fred Hartman?" This was the question most asked about here Thursday. When the truth was learned as to his whereabouts, it became known that he had gone very quietly to Grayling and married one of our most popular young ladies, Miss Sarah Williams.

Hersel Fairbotham of Grayling is spending Christmas with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams.

Miss Frances Wehnes is home from her school at Keno for the

holiday week.

Harry and Burton Williams were home from Grayling to spend Christmas.

### Frederic News

(23 Years Ago)

Sam Smally and F. D. Griffin each lost a horse last week.

The home talent play given by the High school was fine, but a small crowd out.

The American House is open again to the public. It looks good to see it lively around there again. J. W. Burke is the new proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Burch are cooking at the American House.

Mrs. Boyer of Cadillac is visiting her mother, Mrs. Layman and sister, Mrs. E. V. Barber.

### Health & Hygiene

(Through the courtesy of The Detroit News, Children's Fund of Michigan and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation)

#### Health Axioms For Children

One of the difficulties in giving advice to mothers is that the experienced mother is slow to accept advice, while the inexperienced one welcomes advice from everyone.

However, all will agree that certain truths apply to almost every case and the following axioms should serve to summarize several of the important points in the care of children.

A mother should nurse her child at least six months if possible. The child who cannot have its mother's milk should have a formula for feeding provided by the family physician or a pediatrician.

If a child does not thrive either on the mother's milk or a carefully prepared formula, there is something wrong which calls for an investigation by a physician.

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## THE WAR IN EUROPE

### Finland Needs Assistance To Continue Brave Fight Against Russia

Finland's resistance to the Russian attacks along her border has been surprisingly effective. Substantial Soviet gains along the Arctic and a sinister threat in the center have not offset the valiance of the Finnish defense soldiers. Claims of the contending armies conflict but enough is known to confirm the suspicion that the Red Army is not what the world feared it might be.

How long the Finns can maintain themselves in the face of increasing numbers opposing them is the real problem. The winter weather is sure to be helpful and if other nations provide sufficient war supplies, the Finns think they can hold out for some months to come. Great Britain and France will give some assistance in war materials and the United States is expected to provide some money.

The Soviet government refuses to dignify the struggle by the term "war", insisting before the League of Nations, just prior to being expelled from the group, that the Russian armies were merely assisting the Red government of Finland to suppress disorder. Moscow, it should be understood, declines to deal with the Helsinki government, claiming that the real government is that set up by the Reds when the Russian invasion began.

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Naval experts were undoubtedly surprised that the cruisers, one eight-inch ship and two six-inch ships, were able to successfully attack the feared commerce raider. The fact that the larger British cruiser was unmercifully pounded by the 11-inch guns of the Admiral Graf Spee, suffering heavy loss of life, and being put out of commission after four hours fighting, make more remarkable the feat of the smaller Ajax and Achilles in continuing the battle and forcing the German warship to seek safety in a neutral port.

The Admiral Graf Spee was the pride of the German navy.

Completed in 1936, the warship secretly left Germany during the summer and was in southern seas when war began.

It immediately began to prey upon shipping, causing the British and French to dispatch heavy forces to apprehend and destroy her.

While only three cruisers took part in the fight, it became known shortly afterwards that a British battle cruiser, an aircraft carrier, a French battleship and a number of cruisers were on duty in the South Atlantic.

The victory was a "shot" to British morale, coming as it did with reported damage to several German cruisers by submarines and the scuttling of a large German merchant ship off the coast of the United States.

The combination gave the British public the best week that they have enjoyed since the war began because, for the first time, the naval war was making itself felt upon Germany.

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# CHRONOLOGY

## OF THE YEAR

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## EUROPEAN WAR



**MARS GOES TO WORK**  
French poilu puzzles over street sign in captured German village.

## Hitler Still Grabbing

**MARCH**  
12 German troops mass near border of Slovakia.  
13 Czech-Slovakia submits to Hitler's demands for further break-up of the Czechoslovakia.  
14 Slovakia, formally secedes from Czechoslovakia and becomes independent state under German protection.  
15 Hitler seizes Bohemia and Moravia, completing subjection of Czechoslovakia.  
16 Hitler absorbs Slovakia. Hungary annexes part of Carpatho-Ukraine.  
27 Germany puts pressure on Poland.  
28 Poland rejects Hitler's demand for pathway to East Prussia.

**APRIL**  
4 Poland joins British in war alliance.  
17 Germany pushes drive to take Danzig. French fleet guards Gibraltar. British fleet sails to Malta.

**MAY**  
7 Nazis plan plebiscite in Danzig.  
8 Pope invites five powers to Vatican parley to settle Polish-German dispute.  
10 Germany fortifies its eastern frontier against Poland.

**JUNE**  
1 Hitler pledges Germany will support Jugoslavia's border.  
30 German troops move to encircle Poland.  
22 Britain appeals to Germany to settle dispute by negotiations.

**JULY**  
6 Warsaw reports 5,000 Polish families in East Prussia are forced to move away from border.

**AUGUST**  
13 Germany and Italy establish parley on Danzig; Polish attitude called unbearable.  
14 Germany takes military possession of Slovakia.  
21 Germany announces nonaggression.  
22 German troops massed near Polish corridor.  
23 Germany and Russia sign nonaggression.  
25 Britain and Poland sign war alliance. Japanese cabinet abandons Rome-Berlin line.  
26 Britain asks British help under new mutual aid pact.

**Germans Invade Poland**  
31 Germany opens war on Poland.

**SEPTEMBER**  
3 Britain and France declare war on Germany.  
4 British ship *Athenia* torpedoed off coast of Ireland, 400 aboard, 43 lost.  
5 Germany blockaded by British navy.  
6 Germany shells Warsaw; government issues ultimatum.  
President Roosevelt proclaims U.S. neutrality.

6 Poles appeal to Britain to rush aid. France backs Germany. British ships arrive.

7 Nazi torpedoes sink five ships.  
8 French planes bomb Siegfried line.  
9 German counterattack halts French. Russia rushes reserves to Polish border.

10 German forces shut a vise on War.  
11 Big British army lands in France without loss. Polish defense cracks; Nazis move eastward.

12 Russian troops invade Poland to "protect" minorities of 200 "peace party" leaders.

13 Warsaw decides to fight on after truce talk fails. German defenses collapse under Nazi pressure. Russian army drives 50 miles into Poland.

14 German Red purge of former officials in Polish Ukraine.

15 French repulse wave after wave of Nazi shock troops.

16 French General Germans in two big air battles. Estonia, while tens of Siegfried line, bomb Zeppelin works.

17 Warsaw surrenders to Germans after 10 days. Estonia signs alliance with Russia. Britain defines warning by foot to stop war.

**OCTOBER**  
1 Britain calls 250,000 more troops.  
7 Britain and France send armistice to Hitler. Britain and France send armistice to Hitler.

8 Hitler sets aside area in Poland for Germans to be transplanted from other countries.

10 Britain spurns Hitler's peace terms.

11 Britain refuses peace based on Nazi conquests.

12 British ship Royal Oak sunk by sub, 865 lost.

13 German planes raid Scapa Flow. Iron Duke training ship damaged.

14 British report that American city of German and take it to Soviet port.

15 American ship City of Flint, turned over to Germany by Russia, sails from Russia.

22 Germans claim 115 foreign ships sunk since war began.

23 Five freighters sunk by Germans.

24 German demands raise new crisis in Finland.

**NOVEMBER**  
2 Norway frees City of Flint and intern German crew. Finland demands Soviet army to help. 7 German and Holland offer to mediate peace between warring nations.

8 Hitler escapes plot; blast in Munich. Death cell, 100, and injures 60.

9 French defense dikes; clash at border with Germany. French repulse night infantry raid by Germans.

10 France repulses two German attacks. Four more merchantmen sunk in sea warfare.

17 Germans shoot nine Czech students, seize 1,200, and close academies for three years.

18 Dutch liner hits German mine in North sea, sinks with 140 lives.

19 Four more ships sunk by German.

20 Germans extend war at sea; 10 vessels sink since November 18; 13 dead or missing.

21 French-Italian party seen as char.

22 French to get German coke.

23 Germany opens officers' ranks to all soldiers; royalty backs Hitler.

21 Germany charges Munich man with beer cellar explosion; arrests two British agents.  
Britain declares unrestricted blockade of mine warfare forbids neutral nations to trade with Germany.

22 British destroyer sunk; 40 missing. Nazi bombers raid Shetlands. no French report torpedo boat sank two subs.

23 Eight more vessels sunk; total for day 22.

France and Britain claim 20 air victories in three days on western front. Exiled Polish government begins propaganda center in Sofia.

24 British cruiser damaged in port by German torpedo or submarine.

25 French repulse German attack east of Moselle river.

26 Berlin claims bombers hit four British ships; protest British ban on German trade.

27 Two hundred eighty-seven die in sinking of Polish liner *Pilsudski* in Atlantic.

28 Soviet repulses Jap air attack on Mongol border; shoot down 25 planes.

29 Japs report shooting down 98 Soviet planes in battle over Outer Mongolia.

30 British fights for a new Europe. British fights for a new Europe.

31 Finnish guns kill four Russian soldiers. Soviet charges.

32 Russia demands Finns remove soldiers from border. Finland offers to negotiate border issue; Russia threatens war.

33 Russia denounces nonaggression pact with Finland; Finland declares Russian repulse of border attacks false.

34 Germany repels British in Ireland. British claims British cruiser sunk by submarine; Britain denies.

35 France claims Britain's Kiel after breaking off diplomatic relations.

36 Russians claim 10-mile advance into Finland. Soviet repulses British attack.

37 Finns attack first. Finnish cabinet resigns after declaring war on Russia.

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**LOCALS**

THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1939

Mrs. William Golnick, who has been ill for some time, is able to be around again.

Rollo Failing and family have moved from the Howard Bunker house to their own home on the South side.

Big New Year Eve dance at the Lyric Sunday night. Favors and noise makers for everybody. Six-piece orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovel entertained the members of the Lovel family numbering 15, at their home at dinner on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Canfield are the proud parents of a daughter, Christine Louise, born to them at Mercy Hospital Sunday, December 24.

DANCE at the Lyric, West side Higgins lake, Saturday night, December 30. Also big New Year Eve dance Sunday night; modern and old time dances. Six-piece orchestra.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Agda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Howard Granger, son of Mrs. Celia Granger, that will take place Sunday afternoon at 4:00 at Danish-Lutheran church. A wedding dinner will follow at Shoppenagons Inn.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Rasmus Hanson was pleasantly entertained by the members of the Sunday school of the Grayling Lutheran church, when they went to her home. They presented a short play entitled "The Christmas Rose" and sang several Christmas carols, much to that lady's delight. All were treated to candy before leaving.

Miss Lila Rohm, supervisor, and John R. McDonald, special representative of the State Bureau of Social Security, were guests at Shoppenagons Inn last week Thursday night. Mr. McDonald was in Grayling conferring with Miss Rohm and Mrs. Laura Olson, Crawford county supervisor of the Bureau of Social Aid, regarding the new offices of the Bureau which were opened in the Courthouse December 1st.

Dining Room Suite for sale. Dining table, buffet and 6 leather seated chairs. All in excellent condition. Phone 3121, Mrs. Oscar Schumann.

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With the modern facilities of our new funeral home we are equipped to render a finer funeral service.  
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Sun. Night, Dec. 31

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Plenty of caps and noise makers for everybody.

Also Dance Saturday Night, December 30th

Six piece orchestra. Modern and old time dancing.

Russell Beck will be the caller.

Beer

Wine

Lunches

Edward Feldhauser of Maple Forest is driving a special deluxe Chevrolet sport sedan, purchased from Alfred Hanson.

Dance the old year out and the New Year in at the Lyric, West side of Higgins Lake, Sunday night, December 31. Modern and Old Time dancing.

A daughter, Rosalie Carol, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson of Frederic Tuesday, December 26 at Mercy Hospital, passing away the same day. Funeral services will be held from the home in Frederic Sunday. Mrs. Olson was formerly Miss Molly O'Dell.

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John Wakeley is serving 25 days in the county jail charged with the reckless use of firearms while intoxicated. Sheriff Papendick was called to his home Saturday afternoon, after Wakeley had shot himself with a 22 rifle, the bullet entering the upper left chest and coming out under the left arm.

As a farewell tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Royal A. Wright, who are leaving for the south for the winter, a few friends gathered at the home of Judge and Mrs. Charles E. Moore for a banquet Tuesday evening. The evening was spent playing bridge, throwing the bean bag and shooting darts. Sal says to be sure and say that she and O. P. won the honors at beans. This may arouse some dispute, but then . . .

Complimenting their sister Miss Anna of Grand Rapids, who was home for the yuletide festivities, Misses Margrethe and Olga Nielsen entertained at two tables of bridge Saturday evening. Mrs. Carl Sorenson and Mrs. A. J. Nelson held the honor scores and Miss Nielsen received the guest gift. The lunch table was lovely with Christmas greens and red lighted tapers.

It is always a pleasure to hear from an old subscriber. This week, accompanying his check for renewal of his subscription, N. P. Salling of 1138 Rimpan Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., says: "Merry Christmas from an old subscriber since 1883." We're indeed pleased to receive this fine Christmas greeting. Thank you, Mr. Salling, and a Happy New Year.

The schedule of Grayling High school basketball games have had a few changes. Those holding season tickets please make note of the changes. The Gaylord-Grayling games reverse dates, Gaylord playing here January 5th and Grayling at Gaylord January 26th. Also the Grayling-Boyne City game, scheduled to be played here Jan. 6th, will be changed to January 9th. (Those holding season tickets please take notice).

Mr. and Mrs. James Tobin of Frederic entertained the following guests at a delicious six-course Christmas dinner, Mrs. Laura Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Craven, Mr. Wilson Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brennan, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brennan, Jr., and daughter Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Melroy and son Clare Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gram and son Jimmie and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wallace.

The committee of judges from the Kiwanis club awarded the prize for the best Christmas decorated home to Mrs. Dewey Palmer and daughter Mrs. Joe Lennert. There were two life-size deer harnessed and drawing a normal size sleigh in which Santa Claus was riding. The latter, carrying a pack full of Christmas presents, was decked out in real Santa Claus style, red nose, big belly and all. It looked like a really-to-goodness Santa Claus. The yard about was dotted with evergreen trees. Christmas lights illuminated the place. It was an original and really clever piece of decorating. The winners were awarded a Kiwanis check for \$5.00 in reward for their efforts.

Mrs. Celia Granger entertained her children and their families at Christmas dinner Monday. Thirteen sat down to the delicious dinner.

From a miniature church that was erected over the canopy of the Rialto theatre, bells through a loud speaker chimed out Christmas carols and cheer, that were heard all over the city. Beautifully lighted Christmas trees surround the church. It was a clever manner in which to spread yuletide cheer, besides being a very lovely decoration.

Richard Atkinson, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Atkinson had the misfortune to break his right leg below the knee, Friday afternoon. While playing in the yard of the Don Sweeney home he climbed up on a cement bird bath and was jumping off of it, when it tipped over pinning his leg underneath it. An X-ray showed that the main bone was broken.

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Ypsilanti visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and children left Sunday for Olivet and Burnside to spend the holiday recess.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Kuhlman spent Christmas day at the home of their daughter and husband in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McInnis of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes and family over Christmas.

Miss Eunice Schrieber of Muskegon is spending her vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schrieber.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Schmidt and son Devere, spent Christmas with relatives in Detroit.

Carl Peterson Jr., of Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, is spending his holiday vacation visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson is spending the Christmas and New Year holidays visiting in Detroit. Her son Axel J. Peterson came up to accompany her there.

Mrs. Helen Routier and son Ralph left Wednesday for their home in Detroit after spending Christmas with Miss Margrethe Bauman and other relatives.

Kenneth Hoesli and Paul Lovel Jr., left Tuesday by motor for Florida to remain until sometime in April. This is the third such trip the former has made.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann were in Saginaw Sunday and Monday to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Bauer Jr.

Mrs. Kenneth Dobbyn of Detroit is a house guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport. Tuesday and Wednesday they enjoyed a visit from their nephew Bill Downer, of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miesel and children spent Christmas with relatives in Bay City. The former returned home Tuesday and Mrs. Miesel and children went on to Detroit to spend the week, where Mr. Miesel will join them for New Year's.

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Mrs. Simpson and son Robert Gates returned to Romeo Tuesday evening but will be returning for New Year's. They say that they plan to spend a lot of their leisure time at their lake cottages this winter, instead of going south.

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## Finnish Baths Long In Use

Finnish baths—with plenty of steaming followed by a cold plunge—are an established institution in many an upper peninsula community. But the invigorating effects of the Finnish Bath were known to the people of upper Michigan long before the first Finns arrived.

A passing note titled "Indian medical facts" among the geological observations in the field books of Dr. Douglas Houghton, Michigan's first and most famous geologist, tells the story. In August 1832, when camped near the Ontonagon river, Dr. Houghton wrote:

"Their sweating lodges are a curiosity. A lodge is constructed of bark and covered with blankets. In this upon one side are placed several large stones heated to redness. The patient seats himself naked upon cedar boughs in the opposite side of the lodge and with a bunch of feathers or a branch of some evergreen tree he sprinkles the stones with water in which has been placed a small quantity of decoction of the leaves of several evergreens (pine, white cedar, spruce and balsams). The lodge is filled with water vapor and the patient falls into a profuse perspiration. Having remained a suitable length of time (varying from a quarter of an hour to two hours) he leaves the lodge and either plunges into cold water, or more frequently being wrapped up warm remains quiet for two or three hours.

"The Indians suppose this to possess miraculous powers. An Indian who has been long on some arduous task is perhaps from his constant fatigue and exposure under the influence of some rheumatic affection. This he avers, removes it effectually, and, as he says, 'limbers his joints.' It is used in almost all afflictions...."

### Sturgeon Now Rare

In colonial days, sturgeon were abundant in most of the rivers of the Atlantic coast. William Penn often commented on the incredible numbers of these giant fish which ascended the Delaware each spring. Now these fish are rare because of overfishing.

### 4 BRAN NEW BUSES FOR BLUE GOOSE LINES

#### Are Quieter And More Comfortable

Continuing to provide the most modern transportation service between Detroit and the Upper Peninsula, Eastern Michigan Motorbuses, operators of the "Blue Goose Line" has just placed four new buses in service.

The new vehicles of the semi-cruiser type went into operation Tuesday, according to P. L. Radcliffe, General Manager.

The buses have a seating capacity for 25 passengers and 20 of the seats are of the full reclining type, soft and well upholstered, and assuming a restful ride for patrons.

Particular attention has been paid to providing real comfort in cold weather, with the result the buses are equipped with storm windows and two hot water heaters.

Passengers will observe the balance of vibration and unusual quietness, for the engine is in the rear and separated from the passengers by a large, completely enclosed baggage compartment.

The bodies of the buses are of steel and aluminum construction; the four-wheel brakes are air operated and safety glass is used in all windows.

The new Blue Goose buses are built by General Motors Corp. and are of the latest design.

### SLOVAKIA CHIEF



Rev. Joseph Tiso, who was unanimously elected president of Slovakia. Prior to his election he led the government as premier.

### Gathering Funds For Finnish Relief

The Avalanche, in common with many other newspapers, will accept contributions for relief of Finnish refugees. Every one knows the need of this assistance by people of this fine nation.

No solicitation will be made for funds, but anyone wishing to do so may pay their money or send checks directly to this office. Funds are already coming in and we are sure our Grayling people will feel it a privilege to aid in this worthy cause.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

### Woodruff Named To Study Effects Of Trade Treaties

Washington D. C.—Appointment of Congressman Roy O. Woodruff of Michigan to make a special study of the effects of reciprocal trade treaties has been announced here.

The Michigan Congressman was one of a small Republican Committee named by Minority Leader Joe Martin to make a thorough study of the effect of the tariff-reducing treaties on industry, agriculture, and labor.

The study is viewed as of unusual importance at this time in view of the growing opposition to the Trade Agreement program, and the fact that the law will come up for renewal or abandonment in the next Congress.

One of the charges most frequently leveled against the program, and which likely will receive special attention of the Woodruff committee is that in the drive to build up trade with foreign countries, trade among our own people has been hampered and actually seriously reduced. In addition to the many problems affecting continental industry the Committee will study those of the U. S. Possession of Puerto Rico, normally the third best customer for continental U. S. products in the western hemisphere, and sixth best in the entire world. Puerto Rico will inform the Committee that many of its products have been virtually driven out of the domestic market as a result of the trade treaties, and that as a result the Island's ability to purchase from the mainland has been seriously impaired.

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### My Neighbor Says:

When fish is to be served as the main dish at a dinner, allow one-half pound for each person.

The reason that we add lemon juice to fish is that its alkaline nature demands something to neutralize it.

A piece of cheese about the size of a walnut, added to cream soup just before serving, gives it a delicious flavor.

Add lemon juice to peeled peaches, bananas or other fruits which are apt to turn brown before they are mixed into fruit salad.

If geraniums grown in the house begin to look scraggly and weak, nipping off the tops will cause branches to start along the stalk.

House plants do not thrive in a room that is too warm. Keep temperature at 60 or 65 degrees and place plants in a window where they will get sunlight.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service)

Indian Could be President

Full citizenship rights have been bestowed on the American Indians. There is no legal restriction which would prevent an Indian, born in the United States, from becoming President.

John A. Papendick, Sheriff

Merle F. Nellist, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Dated December 27, 1939.

12-28-6

### To Flood 2,500 Acres At Houghton Lake

Completion of steel sheet pile driving at the dam site brings work on the Muskegon river biological development project to its winter phase.

When finished in the fall of 1940, the dam will create a shallow lake a mile wide and four miles long in the upper Muskegon and Dead stream area west of Houghton lake. Some 2,500 acres will be flooded and many islands, peninsulas, lagoons, bays and ponds will be created for the nesting of waterfowl and for the improvement of the area for muskrats and other furbearers.

Winter work on the project by enrollees of the Houghton Lake CCC camp, cooperating with the game division of the department of conservation on the job, will include timber cutting, back-filling behind wingwalls, additional ripraping of the dike and emergency spillway channel and manufacture of concrete stoplogs which will be used to raise the crest of the dam five feet through successive additions.

Concrete work will begin next spring. One of the 10 bays between piers of the dam will have a fish ladder, a sort of stairs of four-foot "treads" and 12-inch "risers" up which the fish may move in easy stages. Already excavated is an emergency spillway 100 feet wide and 1,700 feet long which will permit excessive floods to bypass the dam without damage.

Peak elevation of the lake to be impounded will be 1,139 feet above sea level, just a foot less than the legal norm for Houghton lake, source of the Muskegon river. The stop-log arrangement will permit varying the depth of water at different times of the year to aid different forms of wildlife.

Present intent is to maintain the bulk of this roadless wilderness area in its primitive condition and open to hunting and fishing with principal access by boat. Timber cutting this winter will clear the pond area near the dam and the tributaries for the sake of better appearance and for better small boat navigation. Plans also include a bridge across the Muskegon river 400 feet below the dam, and camp sites nearby.

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AN UMP AND HIS DOG — St. Petersburg, Fla.

American League Umpire George Pipgras at his home recently with his dog just before the Florida Hunting season opened for duck, deer, and turkey.

Only an ass carries a pack on his back in these days when cards fit into vest pockets and vanity cases.

SHERIFF'S SALE

(Harwood-Bollinger Sale Sat., Feb. 10th)

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, to me directed and delivered, in favor of Willard Harwood against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of William Bollinger and Ruth Bollinger, I did, on the 18th day of September A. D. 1939 levy upon and take all the right, title and interest of said William Bollinger and Ruth Bollinger in and to the following described real estate, situated in the county of Crawford and State of Michigan, to wit:

All that certain piece and parcel of land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, known and described as Lot 8 of Block 5 of Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the recorded plat thereof.

All of which I shall expose for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, as the law directs at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling (that being the building in which the Circuit Court for said county of Crawford, State of Michigan, is held) on Saturday the 10th day of February, A. D. 1940 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

John A. Papendick, Sheriff

Merle F. Nellist, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Dated December 27, 1939.

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### PECULIAR QUIRKS OF VISION

Fish do not have a flexible lens in their eye, as do human beings. The lens of a fish's eye is almost spherical and to focus on an object must be moved forward or backward in the eye.

Ninety-five per cent of all visual defects can be corrected by optical science.

Insects cannot move their eyes, which are set in their heads like jewels in a ring. To look around, insects must move their heads.

Some scientists say that fish cannot distinguish colors and that they will snap at a red fly as quickly as at a green fly. But the scientists will never be able to convince some fishermen that fish don't know their colors.

The first painting in which spectacles are shown on a person is that of Cardinal Ugone, painted in 1360 by de Modena. It now hangs in the church of San Nicola in Treviso, Italy.

The operator of a large number of trucks has suggested that all commercial vehicles on the highways be painted a standardized shade of yellow as a safety measure. He said that tests made by his company indicate that yellow trucks can be seen at a greater distance than trucks painted any other color.

Theodore Roosevelt was sickly in his youth and had poor eyesight. After discovering by accident that he could not see as well as his comrades, his visual defect was corrected with glasses. His health and vigor improved. Later in life he became known as one of the most active presidents in American history.

Life Like a Stream

In a sense, life is like a stream. If its outlet is dammed in one direction, it will seek another outlet or will overflow.—Hygela.

### Public Notice

#### COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES DUE

I will be in my office in the City Hall from December 1st to January 10th for the collection of county and school taxes.

There will be no penalty if paid by January 10th.

FLORENCE BUTLER, City Treasurer.

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### SPORTS WEAR



### Record Of Fish Plantings In 1939

Total number of fish planted in Crawford county for 1939:

Pike-Perch, fry	3,209,568
Perch, fingerlings	50,000
Bluegills, 5 mo. old	202,000
Smallmouth Bass, adult	568
Smallmouth Bass	
4 months old	21,350
Brook Trout, adult	1,000
Brown Trout, adult	250
Rainbow Trout, adult	250
Brook Trout, yearlings	600
Brown Trout, yearlings	3,500
Rainbow Trout, yrlings	4,500
Brown Trout	
6-7 months old	89,520
Rainbow Trout, 5 months old	90,409
Brook Trout, 7-8 mo. old	339,770
Total	4,013,285

Total number of fish planted from Grayling Hatchery, year 1939:

Perch, fingerlings	717,000
Bluegills, 5 mo. old	919,000
Smallmouth Bass, adult	2,684
Smallmouth Bass,	
4 mo. old	42,550
Brook Trout, adult	1,900
Brown Trout, adult	4,750
Rainbow Trout, adult	5,750
Brook Trout, yearlings	1,000
Brown Trout, yearlings	4,500
Rainbow Trout, yrlings	4,500
Brown Trout, 6-7 mo. old	350,820
Rainbow Trout, 5 mo. old	211,258
Brook Trout, 7-8 mo. old	685,305
Pike-Perch, fry	24,049,568
Complete total	27,000,568

### A Queen's Bath

In a corner of Holyrood palace grounds in Edinburgh is a small tower called "the Queen's Bath" where Mary Queen of Scots is said to have bathed in white wine.

### OUR SNAPSHOTS



AN UMP AND HIS DOG — St. Petersburg, Fla.



"GAY TWENTIES" is the name Russell Patterson, (insert) gives to this pencil slim black crepe evening gown, one of a collection of six this noted American artist created, exclusively for Arnold Constable, Fifth Avenue, New York's oldest department store. Note the eleven yards of pink net swooping out from just above the knee.